

## **MINUTES**

### **Cheney Historic Preservation Commission**

**November 5, 2009**

**Commissioners Attending:** Bettye Hull, Scott Wilbanks, Vance Youmans, Charlie Mutschler, Aimee Nechanicky, and Chris Stewart.

**Commissioners Absent:** Fred Lauritsen.

**Staff Attending:** Susan Beeman.

**Councilpersons Attending:** None.

**Guests:** None..

**Call to Order:** Chairman Hull called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 1, 2009 meeting were approved with a correction to show Commissioner Nechanicky's last name correctly.

**Citizen Participation:** None.

#### **New Business - Continued: Guyel & Ella Frost House – Local Register Nomination.**

Chairman Hull re-opened the public hearing at 5:22 p.m.

Ms. Beeman described additions that were made to the narrative portion of the application. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to recommend that the property at 628 I Street be listed on the Cheney Register of Historic Places. Seconded by Commissioner Wilbanks; motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Business: Special Valuation Tax Program – Halasey House, 213 C Street.**

Chairman Hull opened the public hearing at 5:26 p.m.

Ms. Beeman reviewed the spreadsheet showing expenditures made over the last 2 years during restoration of the house. She noted that the application shows before and after photographs documenting the condition of the property and the work done. Certificates of Appropriateness were issued for modifications to the house.

Commissioner Nechanicky explained the criteria used by the Spokane City/County Historic Preservation Office when determining allowable expenses. Basically, anything related to

landscaping is not allowable. Other allowable expenses include property taxes, utilities during construction (when the property is unoccupied), and small tools like buckets and ladders. After discussion, Commissioner Mutschler made a motion to approve the expenses with the exception of expenditures made on 2/14/07, 5/31/07, 5/15/09, and 10/7/09, for a total of \$29,348.79. Seconded by Commissioner Youmans; motion carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Wilbanks reported on a recent trip to the fossil dig at Republic and a visit to the Ferry County Museum.

Commissioner Mutschler reported on the recent trip of a steam engine through Cheney, on its way home to Portland.

Commissioner Hull reported that the University is accepting donations of vintage books for the reading room at Hargreaves Hall. She reported on a trip to Nevada and Death Valley.

Commissioner Youmans showed the postcard that was discovered behind the window frame at the Sterling-Moorman House work day last summer. He was able to date the stamp to 1937.

Commissioner Stewart noted that the Hargreaves library is not going to have any structured checkout system, so be aware that donated books will be unattended there.

Commissioner Nechanicky reported that she is expecting her first child in 2010.

**Staff Reports:**

Ms. Beeman reported on the comprehensive plan rewrite project. A planning workshop will be held November 20-21 at the Cheney High School.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Chairman Hull adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

**Approved:**

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Bettye Hull, Chairman

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Susan Beeman, Secretary